

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to continue to study the E. coli contamination of Lake Michigan, find the sources, and establish a plan of remediation.

*Whereas, twenty-five (25) times in the summer of 2001 the Indiana Dunes were closed to swimmers because of E. coli contamination in Lake Michigan;*

*Whereas, the eleven (11) beaches were closed twenty-six (26) times in 2000 and twenty (20) times in 1999;*

*Whereas, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management has monitored these areas of pollution for years but has so far not located the sources;*

*Whereas, Lake Michigan is the primary water source for many of the communities on the southern tip of Lake Michigan and is vital to the health of Indiana's citizens;*



*Whereas, it is vital to tourism and business that Lake Michigan be available for all purposes, including recreation;*

*Whereas, it is necessary to continue to monitor this pollution;*

*Whereas, it is further vital to find the sources of the E. coli and establish a plan of remediation; Now, therefore,*

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. The House of Representatives urges the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to continue to monitor the E. coli contamination in Lake Michigan, to study and find the sources of the contamination, and to establish a plan of remediation to allow full use of Lake Michigan as a vital Indiana resource.

SECTION 2. The Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

